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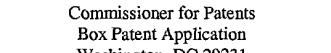
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Inventor(s)	Jim Freid, Michael E. Landry, and Erik J. Wagner	Filed:	January 6, 2000
Title:	SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR STABILIZING THE HUMAN SPINE WITH A BONE PLATE	Examiner:	P. Philogene
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Power of Attorney in Prior Application:		Eric B. Meyertons CONLEY, ROSE, & TAYON, P.C. P.O. Box 398 Austin, TX 78767	

Application Elements

1. Filing Fee

The filing fee is calculated as shown below.

Total Claims	64	-20=	44	x \$18.00=	\$792.00
Independent Claims	5	-3 =	2	x \$84.00=	\$168.00
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				Reduction by 50% for Small Entity:	\$850.00
				Total:	\$850.00

- A Fee Authorization Form in the amount of \$850.00 is enclosed.
 - The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Conley, Rose, & Tayon, P.C., Deposit Account No. 501505/5259-03702/EBM.

- ## 2. Specification

Enclosed are:

Total Pages, or

Title Page; 23 pages of specification; 21 pages of claims (claims 1-130); 1 page Abstract.

3. Drawings

Enclosed are Formal Drawings (Figures 1-40) on 11 sheets.

Enclosed are Informal Drawings (Figures - _on sheets).

4. Oath or Declaration

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Enclosed is a copy of the Oath or Declaration from above-referenced prior application (see 37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d)) (2 pages).

5. This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application

Delete the following inventor(s) named in the prior non-provisional application: _____

The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.

6. The entire disclosure of the prior application is considered to be part of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference herein.

7. Enclosed is a Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix).

8. Enclosed is a Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary).

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Statement verifying identity of above copies

9. Assignment Papers

Copy of Assignment of the prior application.

Copy of the Notice of Recordation of Assignment of the prior application.

10. Power of Attorney

The power of attorney appears in the original papers of the prior application.

Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.

11. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

Enclosed are copies of IDS Forms 1449 from the above-referenced prior application.

The Commissioner is hereby specifically requested to make the Information Disclosure Statements, as well as any prior art of record in the prior application(s), of record in connection with this application.

12. Amendments

A preliminary amendment is enclosed (11 pages).

Cancel in this application original claim(s) 2-130 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: --This is a continuation of copending application Serial No. 09/479,458 filed January 6, 2000.--

13. Return Receipt Postcard

14. Small Entity Status

A small entity statement is enclosed.

A small entity statement was filed in the prior non-provisional application and such status is still proper and desired.

Is no longer claimed.

15. Priority of foreign application number _____, filed on _____ in _____ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119(a)-(d)

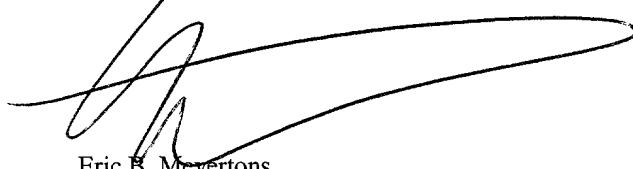
16. Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 136 for Extension of Time

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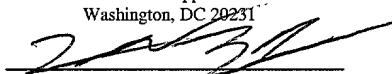
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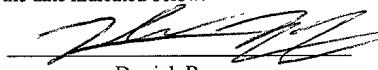
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